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1. CHINA

HUNG CHEN LEFT PEKING TUESDAY FOR PRCLO, AFTER 6-MONTH ABSENCE. US SOURCES IN PEKING ALSO REPORT GATES WILL ARRIVE MAY 6 (REUTER PEKING).

NCRA CLAIMED MONDAY THAT CHINESE OIL INDUSTRY HAS ACHIEVED "NEW SUCCESSES" IN PRODUCTION, AS CRUDE OUTPUT ROSE 12.7 PCT AND NATURAL 20.1 PCT OVER SIMILAR PERIOD YEAR AGO (JOC).

MONDAY ROC, SOUTH AFRICA ANNOUNCED ESTABLISHMENT FULL DIPLO RELS (NYT).

2. CHINA/JAPAN/SKOREA

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ACCORDING MAINICHI SHIMBUN MONDAY, GOJ HAS WARNED US IT

CANNOT SUPPORT ANY US PLANS TO PROVIDE PEKING F'LL-SCALE MIL ARMS/TECHNOLOGY. SAID USG AUTHORITIES HAD SOUNDED OUT JAPANESE ABOUT SUCH PROGRAM WHEN TOP-LEVEL GOJ OFFICIALS RECENTLY VISITED US; GOJ REPLY REPORTEDLY WAS THAT THIS COURSE COULD GENERATE "ANXIETY" IN ASIA. MAINICHI SHIMBUN CLAIMED US CONSIDERING PROVIDING PRC WITH SOPHISTICATED ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT, AIRBORNE EARLY WARNING AIRCRAFT, ANTI-SUB PATROL GEAR, HIGHLY-ADVANCED ELECTRONIC COMPUTERS, SEA-BOTTOM OIL DEPOSIT DETECTION DEVICES, AUDIOMETERS, SONOBUOYS AND PHONOMETERS. PAPER ADDED THAT US HAD MADE SIMILAR SUGGESTION TO GROK AND RECEIVED SAME OPPOSITIO4 GOJ OFFICIALS HAD VOICED (JOC).

3. KOREA

SEOUL APPEALS COURT MONDAY UPHELD LOWER COURT CONVICTION 14 SNU ST'DENTS FOR ANTI-GOVT RALLY ON CAMPUS LAST MAY. SET JAIL TERMS UP TO TWO-AND-HALF YEARS, BUT SUSPENDED SENTENCE FOR FOUR, REDUCED JAIL TERMS SEVEN OTHERS ONE OR TWO YEARS (AP CHITRIB, NYDN).

4. JAPAN

SEN CHURCH TOLD PRESS MONDAY MNC SUB-CMTE WOULD TURN OVER ALL UNPUBLISHED DATA ON LOCKHEED PAYMENTS ABROAD TO DOS. EXPECTED DO SO IN DAY OR TWO. SAID, "IS MY UNDERSTANDING" DOS MAKING DOCUMENTS "IMMEDIATELY AVAILABLE" FOREIGN GOVTS THAT REQUESTED THEM. DATA RELATES PAYMENTS JAPAN, ITALY, SPAIN, GREECE, TURKEY, HOLLAND (REUTER WASHINGTON).

TOYOTA, NISSAN SAID MONDAY HAVE NO IMMEDIATE PLANS O'ILD PLANTS IN US, BUT WILL WATCH EFFECT ON SALES OF NEW VW ASSEMBLY PLANT (AP SUN, CHITRIB; WP).

NYT PHOTO SHOWS TOYOTA, NISSAN TRUCKS AMONG BATHERS IN RED SEA, AT JIDDA. SAYS MOST TRUCKS IMPORTED BY SAUDI ARABIA COME FROM JAPAN; GM PLANS BUILD HEAVY TRUCK ASSY PLANT THERE UNCERTAIN, AFTER REBUFF ON FUNDING.

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WORKERS STAGED PARTIAL WALKOUT AT THREE JAPANESE AIRLINES MONDAY, THREATENED FULL-SCALE STRIKE TUESDAY ENFORCE WAGE DEMANDS. JAL CANCELLED 24 DOMESTIC, 2 INTL FLIGHTS MONDAY (UPI, CHITRIB).

CULLISON (JOC) SAYS IMPORTERS RUSHING PLACE LARGE ORDERS FOR US SOYBEANS. HOPE MAKE UP FOR REDUCED IMPORTS

FROM PRC, WHICH RECENTLY WARNED CAN ONLY SELL 5,000 TONS JAPAN IN MAY, NONE JUNE, JULY. SOURCES SAY PRC NORMALLY SUPPLIES 40,000 TONS/MO DURING APRIL-JUNE SEASON.

CULLISON ALSO NOTES CONFERENCE, INDEPENDENT SHIPOWNERS MEETING KYOTO, TO TRY STABILIZE PACIFIC FREIGHT RATES.

NIPPON STEEL SAID FRIDAY SIX MAJOR STEEL MAKERS AGREED 30 PCT "GRADUAL" INCREASE PRICE IRON ORE IMPORTED FROM BRAZIL'S CIA VALE DO RIO DOCE S.A. ALSO AGREED 20 PCT PRICE HIKE FOR AUSTRALIAN IRON ORE (UPI, JOC).

5. INDOCHINA

SAIGON RADIO SAYS NEARLY 100 PCT OF VOTERS TURNED OUT FOR ELECTION. NEW NATL ASSY WILL MEET WITHIN 60 DAYS TO ADOPT NEW CONSTITUTION, RATIFY REUNIFICATION (WP). NVN, SVN CALL ELECTIO4 GREAT SUCCESS (REUTER SAIGON). PHAM HUNG HAILS ELECTIONS, SAYS NEW ASSY WILL DECIDE "EVERYTHING," INCLUDING COMPOSITION UNIFIED GOVT (CHITRIB). NEW ASSY EXPECTED BE POWERLESS, RUBBER-STAMP LEGISLATURE, WITH REAL POWER RETAINED BY SMALL HANOI CP GROUP (AP, NYT). FEWER THAN 10 PCT RACES CONTESTED. ASSY ALSO EXPECTED APPROVE 5-YR ECON PLAN ALREADY WRITTEN BY NVN POLITBURO (UPI, NYDN). RADIO HANOI PROMISES SOCIALIST REGIME "FOR THE PEOPLE, BY THE PEOPLE, AND OF THE PEOPLE" (AP SUN, CSM).

SIX GUARDS REPORTED KILLED IN SUNDAY BREAKO'T OF 500 POLITICAL, OTHER PRISONERS FROM PRISON IN VIENTIANE PROV. BREAKOUT SAID CARRIED OUT BY FOLLOWERS BONG SOUVANNAVONG, BELIEVED AMONG ESCAPEES, AS WAS PRINCE SOUK BOUAVONG (CHITRIB). ABOUT 100 REPORTED KILLED IN UNCLASSIFIED

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ESCAPE. POLICE SET UP ROADBLOCKS, IMPOSE CURFEW (WP). ESCAPEES SAID MAKING WAY TO MEKONG. W SOURCES SAY SOME PRISONERS WERE THAIS WHO WORKED FOR USAID, ACCUSED OF BEING SPIES BY PL (AP, NYDN).

THAI POLICE REPORTED TUESDAY THAT SOME PRISONERS WHO ESCAPED LAOS JAIL SU4DAY SWAM MEKONG TO THAILAND. SAID 12 DETAINED AT THAI BORDER TOWN OF 4ONG KHAI, BUT MANY MORE COULD HAVE REACHED THAI SIDE OF PORDER UNDETECTED. REPORTED ESCAPEES RELATED THAT DOZENS WERE RECAPTURED IN 15-MINUTE MASS BREAK-O'T, AND FIVE GUARDS KILLED. LAOTIAN AUTHORITIES CLOSED BORDER CROSSING INTO THAILAND, APPARENTLY TO STOP ESCAPEES GETTING OUT OF COUNTRY; BUT CROSSING REOPENED TUESDAY MORNING, ACCORDING THAI POLICE (REUTER BANGKOK).

6. PHILIPPINES

FONMIN ROM'LO SAYS BASES VESTIGES COLONIALISM, GOP REALLY HAS NO AUTHORITY. ADDS TALKS ON NEW PACT FOR BASES SCHEDULED RESUME JUNE (PHINQ).

7. MALAYSIA

COMMUNIST GUERRILLAS SHOOT DOWN GOM COPTER, KILL 11 IN JUNGLE 320 MI NORTH KL, 20 MI FROM THAI BORDER (WP; PHINQ; AP, SUN).

GROWTH PALM OIL WILL SLOW DOWN CONSIDERABLY UNDER 1976-80 PLAN, DUE REDUCTION NEW PLANTING. THIS POINT ONE OF 19 PRESENTED USDA SECY BUTZ DURING LAST WK'S VISIT. US OFFICIALS POINTED OUT EVEN WITH REDUCED GROWTH, PRODUCTION WILL DOUBLE BY 1980 (JOC).

8. PAPUA-NEW GUINEA

PM SOMARE ENCOURAGES TOWN DWELLERS DISCARD "COLONIAL STYLE" CLOTHES FRIDAYS, WEAR NATL DRESS TO WORK. MOVE TO ENCOURAGE SENSE NATL UNITY (REUTER PORT MORESBY).

9. GENERAL
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ASIAN GAMES FEDERATION DECIDES EXCLUDE ISRAEL FROM 8TH GAMES IN 1978 FOR SECURITY REASONS. AGF SEARCH FOR HOST COUNTRY FOR GAMES; WILL ASK JAPAN, OTHERS, MAKE BID SINCE PAKISTAN WITHDREW OFFER DUE COST (REUTER KL).

SENATE INTELLIGENCE CMTE ISSUED LONG-AWAITED FINAL REPORT MONDAY, REBUKED CIA FOR CONDUCTING "THOUSANDS" COVERT OPERATIONS THAT PANEL SAID DAMAGED US FOPOLICY. CMTE SAID CIA SPENT LARGE SUMS PLANNING PARAMIL OPERATIONS DURING KOREAN WAR, ALSO CRITICIZED AGENCY ACTIONS IN VN, CAMBODIA, SINO-SOVIET FIELDS (NYDN'S VOLZ, WP'S STERN/ISAACS/LARDNER; NYT CARRIES REPORT EXCERPTS).

COMMENT AND ANALYSIS

10. JAPAN

WSJ'S THARP, IN TOKYO, NOTES AUTO-MAKERS TEMPERED REACTIONS TO NEWS OF VW PLANT IN US WITH "LIBERAL DOSES OF CAUTION." OPVIOUS THAT TOYOTA, NISSAN

WILL WATCH IMPACT WITH EYE FOLLOWING SUIT EVENTUALLY,

BUT IN MAKING DECISION DO SO MUST ALSO CONSIDER US
LABOR COSTS, DEMAND, FOREX RATES, QUALITY CONTROL
AND MANAGEMENT PROBLEMS IN US OPERATION. CITES
AUTO SPECIALIST WHO SAYS FIRMS, IF DECIDE NOT DO IT,
WOULDN'T BE 'TOO HAPPY' ABOUT GIVING ADVANTAGE BACK
TO VW.

11. CHINA

REP STRATTON, CODEL MEMBER RECENTLY IN PRC, SAYS APRIL 5
PEKING DISTURBANCES WERE EXPLAINED BOTH IN CAPITAL
AND SHANGHAI AS "NATIONAL EFFORT TO BEAT BACK RIGHTIST
REVISIONIST EFFORTS TO REVERSE THE CORRECT VERDICT.'
ADDS THAT "CORRECT VERDICT" IS DEFINED AS COURSE MAO
WANTS COUNTRY FOLLOW. STRATTON SAYS ONLY INDICATIONS
OF PRC DIVISION WERE LARGE ANTI-TENG POSTERS; OTHERWISE,
ALTHOUGH FREQUENTLY LARGE CROWDS, THERE DID NOT SEEM ANY
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POLITICAL DEMONSTRATING. IN VISIT TO PLA CAMP, CODEL
FOUND SOLDIERS USED TO CULTIVATE CROPS, TEACH PROPAGANDA.
WHILE MAO/HUA NOT VISITED, GROUP DID CONFER WITH HUA'S
TOP AIDES (UPI, CHITRIB).

ANOTHER CODEL MEMBER, REP WOLFF, TOLD MONDAY PRESS CONFERENC
WHILE CHINESE REFUSE ACCEPT US ARMS, THEY BELIEVE WAR
WITH SOVIET INEVITABLE; SAID THEY ALSO FEEL US WILL
WAR WITH SOVIET, BUT THAT SUCH CONFLICT CAN BE POSTPONED
IF US REMAINS STRONG ENOUGH TO DETER MIL THREAT IN EUROPE.
ACCORDING WOLFF, CODEL VISIT USED AS OPPORTUNITY GIVE
US TWO MESSAGES: THAT PEKING WOULD NOT ACCEPT US ARMS
EVEN IF OFFERED, AND THAT CHINESE STREETS QUIET, WITH NO
TURMOIL SIMILAR TO UPRISING THAT LED TO TENG'S PURGE.

WOLFF DECLARED HE WAS TOLD BY AUSSIE AMB TO PEKING
(FITZGERALD) THAT US SHOULD TRY IMPROVE RELS WITH PRC
BY WITHDRAWING FORCES FROM ROC, BUT IF US REMOVED FORCES
FROM SK, SEOUL WOULD BE OVERRUN BY NK. WOLFF SAID
CODEL WAS TOLD BY CHINESE THERE CAN BE NO NORMALIZATION
RELS WITH US UNLESS TAIWAN RETURNED TO MAINLAND CONTROL --
BUT THAT PEKING RULES OUT MIL ACTION TO REGAIN ISLAND.
WOLFF STATED CHINESE ALSO INDICATED DESIRE REGAIN CONTROL
HK WHEN LEASE ENDS (REUTER WASHINGTON 4/26).

REUTER'S GRIFFITHS, IN PEKING, OBSERVES CHIANG CHING
APPEARS TO HAVE ASSUMED MORE IMPORTANT ROLE IN CHINESE
LEADERSHIP. NOTES SHE WAS PICTURED IN TUESDAY'S PEOPLE'S
DAILY STANDING NEXT TO HUA IN CENTER OF LEADERSHIP LINE-

UP. POINTS OUT SHE IS NOT CCP STANDING CMTE MEMBER, SO

WOULD NOT NORMALLY BE SO PICTURED. SAYS THIS CHIANG CHING'S FIRST OFFICIAL MENTION SINCE LEADERSHIP CRISIS ERUPTED INTO VIOLENCE, NOTES NAME LIST OF LEADERS ATTENDING MONDAY NIGHT RECEPTION (FOR SECURITY FORCES WHO HELPED QUELL RIOTING EARLIER THIS MONTH) CONFIRMS SHE HAS NOT BEEN OFFICIALLY PROMOTED IN PARTY RANKINGS; BUT SAYS OBSERVERS SPECULATE HER PROMINENT POSITION IN PHOTO COULD BE INDICATION SHE IS DESTINED FOR PROMOTION.

GRIFFITHS FINDS LIST ALSO CONFIRMING WANG HUNG-WEN HAS UNCLASSIFIED

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HELD ONTO HIS SENIOR PARTY POST, DESPITE BEING PUSHED FROM NUMBER TWO SPOT BY HUA. FINDS THREE SIGNIFICANT NAMES MISSING FROM RECEPTION: LI HSIEN-NIEN, YEH CHIEN-YING AND CHU TEH. STATES ALL HAD RECENTLY REAPPEARED, THUS THEIR ABSENCE WAS PUZZLE. CITES SPECULATION THEY MAY HAVE BEEN UNWILLING ASSOCIATE WITH FORCES WHICH, IN PEOPLE'S DAILY'S WORDS, STRUGGLED TO 'SMASH THE COUNTER-REVOLUTIONARY POLITICAL INCIDENT' AT TIEN AN MEN SQUARE.

LAT (4/26) WELCOMES INDIA'S MOVE TO 'SOOTHE' RELS WITH PRC, PAKS -- EVEN THOUGH MAY BE ONLY 'PLOY' TO STRENGTHEN GANDHI'S GRIP ON SUBCONTINENT.

12. PHILIPPINES

PHIL CONGEN ERNESTO PINEDA LETTER (4/24) TAKES NYT TO TASK FOR APR 13 EDIT ("PHILIPPINE 'NEW SOCIETY'") WHICH 'ADMONISHED' USG USE PHIL POLITICAL SITUATION AS BARGAINING CHIP IN CURRENT BASE NEGOTIATIONS. SUGGESTS NYT INFER -- FROM RECENT ROMULO STATEMENT PHILS 'NOT ENCUMBERED' IN NEGOTIATIONS BY ANY AGREEMENTS WITH US -- THAT PHILS PREPARED "DROP" TREATIES THAT FOR OVER GENERATION HAVE SERVED US INTERESTS MORE THAN PHILS. DECLARES NEEDED NOW IS NEW ARRANGEMENT FOR BILATERAL ECON/MIL COOPERATION.

13. MALAYSIA

WSJ GLOBAL REPORT (4/26) NOTES CONCERTED GOM EFFORT LURE BACK INVESTORS, WHO APPARENTLY FRIGHTENED AWAY PAST TWO YEARS BY WHAT THEY SAW AS "LESS FRIENDLY MALAYSIAN INVESTMENT POLICY.' IN CONTRAST OFFICIAL STATEMENTS YEAR AGO, NEW FINMIN STRESSING DESIRE ATTRACT MORE FOREIGN CAPITAL, AND DEP PM WARNS NATIONALIZATION WON'T IMPROVE POORER SECTORS MALAYSIAN

ECONOMY. MORE IMPORTANTLY, GOM HAS YET TO IMPLEMENT YEAR-OLD LAW NATIONALIZE OIL COMPANIES, AND GOVT SOURCE SAYS STUDY UNDER WAY ON HOW GET RID OF IT WITHOUT LOSING FACE.

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14. BURMA

DAVID DORSEN (WP SPECIAL 4/25) DESCRIBES DIFFICULTIES AWAITING TRAVELERS IN BURMA, WHERE TOURIST DOLLARS WANTED, BUT NOT TOURISTS. ON RECENT TOUR, FOUND BLACK MARKET PERVASIVE, BUT DIDN'T TRY SUBSTANTIATE ACCOUNT OF DOS OFFICIAL WHO WARNED OF 'UNSPEAKABLE HORRORS' AWAITING ANY AMERICANS WHO DARE DEAL IN IT. CALLED ON AMB OSBORN, WHO REGRETTED FEW TOURISTS COULD SEE FULL VARIETY BURMA, DUE SEVEN-DAY TOURIST VISA LIMIT.

15. INDOCHINA

PHINQ OPINES CAMPAIGN TRAIL NO PLACE MAKE FOREIGN POLICY. REVIEWS REAGAN-FORD EXCHANGE OVER RECOGNITION NVN. SAYS IF POLICY NON-RECOGNITION, SHOULD HAVE ADVISED SECSTATE, SINCE MONTH AGO HAK CONFIRMED REPORT NOTE SENT HANOI INVITING DISCUSSION ALL ISSUES, INCLUDING EVENTUAL NORMALIZATION RELS. COMMENTS IF NEGOTIATIONS NOW OCCUR, NVN MAY SET IMPOSSIBLE CONDITIONS, BUT WILL NOT IF WANT PURSUE OWN INTERESTS: RESTORE ECONOMY, AVOID DEPENDENCE ON PRC, USSR. STATES NOTHING PRES CAN DO STOP REAGAN TAKING HARD-LINE SIMPLISTIC APPROACH TO COMPLEX ISSUES, BUT FORD NOT OBLIGED TRY MATCH, OUTDO HIM.

BRADSHER (WSTAR 4/25) SEES GULF BETWEEN US-NVN EVIDENT IN PRES' FLAT DENIAL THAT US PLANS RECOGNIZE HANOI.

CSM SAYS ELECTION VN NATL ASSY CANNOT BE CALLED DEMOCRATIC PROCESS, SINCE CAREFULLY ORCHESTRATED, CONTROLLED BY HANOI POLITBURO. BUT CONSIDERS SIGNIFICANT BECAUSE ASSY CHARGED WITH UNIFYING COUNTRY; MENTIONS UNION WILL BE ON HANOI TERMS, NOT PRG'S. ALSO SEES NVN PLAYING DOWN WARTIME STATEMENTS ON SEPARATENESS NLF. BELIEVES US MUST EVENTUALLY NORMALIZE RELS WITH VN, BUT WONDERS HOW SOON. CALLS UNFORTUNATE FACT ISSUE NOW EMBROILED IN CAMPAIGN, WHEN REAGAN TOOK OFFENSIVE, FORD RESPONDED. OPINES RELS WILL BE MATTER PACE - STEPS LEADING TO

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GRADUAL NORMALIZATION. BELIEVES IN US INTEREST REESTABLISH VN PRESENCE AS COUNTERWEIGHT TO RUSSIANS. SAYS MOVE WOULD PLEASE PRC, US OIL FIRMS. CALLS REASSURING FACT SAIGON REGIME MUTING REVOLUTION. CONCLUDES IN NOT-TOO-DISTANT FUTURE US MUST PUT WAR BEHIND, THINK OF FUTURE.

NVN GEN DUNG DESCRIBES FINAL OFFENSIVE IN 'NHAN DAN.' SAYS BEGAN WITH FALL BAN ME THUOT THAT TRIGGERED UNEXPECTED PANIC AMONG ARVN (AP, SUN). NYT (4/26) CARRIES EXCERPTS DUNG'S REPORT OF VICTORY DRIVE; BUTTERFIELD CALLS ACCOUNT REMARKABLY DETAILED, CANDID. NOTES SERIALIZATION IN 'NHAN DAN' SO FAR HAS 9 INSTALLMENTS THAT BRING CAMPAIGN UP TO PLEIKU SURRENDER, BUT NO INDICATION HOW MANY MORE ARTICLES WILL APPEAR. POINTS OUT DUNG MAKES NO EFFORT PRESERVE EARLIER COMMUNIST STATEMENTS THAT NLF WAS SEPARATE MOVEMENT. NVN GEN CONFIRMS STATEMENTS BY THIEU, US OFFICIALS THAT AID REDUCTION ORDERED BY CONGRESS SERIOUSLY IMPAIRED ARVN ABILITY FIGHT. BUTTERFIELD NOTES ACCOUNT INDICATES NVN LEADERS DO FUNCTION COLLECTIVELY AND LE DUAN FAR FROM BEING DICTATOR.

CSM (4/26) WONDERES WHAT GOING ON IN CAMBODIA. QUOTES "TIME" MAG ON ATROCITIES, BUT DEPLORES LACK FIRST-HAND INFO SINCE REFUGEE REPORTS COULD BE EXAGGERATED. REVIEWS STORY BROUGHT BACK BY SWEDISH AMB TO PEKING WHO SPENT 2 WKS IN CAMBODIA. COMMENTS KR HARDLY LIKELY ADVERTISE REIGN OF TERROR TO VISITORS, IF IT EXISTS. BELIEVES OUTSIDE WORLD SHOULD DEMAND INFO TO DETERMINE IF MASSACRES, PURGES, ASSASSINATIONS PREVALENT SINCE BRUTALITY CAN'T BE EXCUSED ON GROUNDS REV FERVOR, NOR GENOCIDE HIDDEN BEHIND BARRIERS OF SILENCE. ADVISES IF INNOCENT, CAMBODIA'S LEADERS SHOULD HELP DISPEL CHARGES; MEANWHILE, HORROR STORY GAINING CREDENCE, AND WORLD CONDEMNATION SHOULD BE MADE KNOWN IN STRONGEST TERMS.

INDOCHINA RESOURCE CENTER'S HILDEBRAND WRITES WP (4/24) ON APR STORY ON CAMBODIA. POINTS OUT VISITING DIPLOMATS COULD NOT CONFIRM STORIES MASS EXECUTIONS. UNCLASSIFIED

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SAYS MANY ATROCITY STORIES BASED ON INTERVIEWS WITH REFUGEES. CALLS SIGNIFICANT FACT THAT SOME KHMERS TRYING RETURN CAMBODIA FROM PARIS, US. CALLS

SOURCES HORROR STORIES 'SUSPECT,' SUGGESTS TALES SPREAD WITH AIM DISCOURAGING TRAINED CAMBODIANS FROM RETURNING, ASSISTING RECONSTRUCTION HOMELAND.

16. LOS

ERWIN CANHAM (CSM 4/26) SUSPECTS MOST OF US FASCINATED/BEWILDERED BY ENDLESS DISCUSSIONS LOS, BUT DO NOT UNDERSTAND ISSUES -- NAVIGATION, FISHING, RIGHTS TO SEABED MINERALS RESOURCES, POLLUTION, SCIENTIFIC STUDY, AND MILITARY USE, ON, OVER AND UNDER.

ABOVE ALL, BELIEVES GREATEST DILEMMA POSED BY QUESTION 'WHO OWNS THE SEAS, ESPECIALLY THE DEEP SEAS?' MAY BE HERITAGE OF MANKIND, BUT OTHER NATIONS NOT READY FOR US-PROPOSED 'TRUSTEESHIP ZONE' TO SHARE BENEFITS WITH INTL COMMUNITY. MEANTIME, DEBATES GO ON, PROSPECTS FOR AGREEMENT DO NOT INCREASE, SUCH ORDER AS EXISTS MAY COME APART, AND NATL CLAIMS, CONFLICTS MAY MULTIPLY.

IN LENGTHY REVIEW OF DECLINE ONCE-MAJOR NE INDUSTRY, SATCHELL (WSTAR 4/26), IN GLOUCESTER, REVIEWS IMPACT OF TECHNOLOGY AND EXTENSIVE FOREIGN OVER-FISHING. ALSO TAKES UP PRACTICAL QUESTION OF HOW USCG CAN EFFECTIVELY PATROL NEW 200-MILE FISHING ZONE.

17. GENERAL

SUN (4/26) REPORTS NEW FORM OF CONTRABAND IN SEA -- LIVE ANIMALS SMUGGLED, LAUNDRED THROUGH THIRD COUNTRIES FOR SHIPMENT TO US, FOR EVENTUAL SALE ZOOS, LABORATORIES. THUS CIRCUMVENTS LAWS PROTECTING ENDANGERED SPECIES. INTL PRIMATE PROTECTION LEAGUE (BERKELEY, CALIF) CHARGES INTERIOR DEPT LAXITY AIDS SMUGGLERS, FOSTERS OTHER ABUSES. FUND FOR ANIMALS EXEC TELLS HOW GIBBONS SMUGGLED FROM THAILAND O SINGAPORE, TO GET PAPERS NEEDED FOR ENTRY US.

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OVERSEAS PRESS CLUB (NY) SUNDAY ANNOUNCED RECIPIENTS OF 15 AWARDS FOR AMERICAN FOREIGN CORRESPONDENTS. WILL BE PRESENTED ANNUAL DINNER NEXT MONDAY. NYT'S SCHANBERG GOT TOP AWARD FOR COVERAGE COMMUNIST TAKE-OVER CAMBODIA; NOMINATED FOR BOB CONSIDINE AWARD. UPI'S VOGEL ALSO NOMINATED FOR CONSIDINE AWARD FOR 'LAST PLANE FROM DANANG.' TIME'S DICK HALSTEAD WILL GET ROBERT CAPA GOLD MEDAL, FOR PICTURES OF VIETNAMESE FLEEING COMMUNIST ADVANCE. KEN PALK (KC TIMES) WON

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